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1. Location:

The new bridge belongs to the Rustavi (45°01'E/41°34'N), Georgian SSR, - Tiflis road which joins the large tarred mountain road Tiflis - Yerevan about 600 to 800 feet west of the bridge.

2. Type of construction:

The bridge has been under construction since 1945. Half of the roadway was completed and ready for traffic in August 1949.

a. The 100-meter bridge is supported by four concrete piers with concrete abutments to protect the bridge from drift-ice damage. The piers are about 27 meters apart and the bridge clearance is 5.4 meters. The sections between the piers are iron structures. The bridge capacity is at least 60 tons. The total width of the roadway is 22 meters, of which only 10.6 meters are completed. The center of the roadway is marked. The approaches and the completed half of the roadway are tarred. For location and top and side view of the bridge see annex 1 and 2.

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Comment:

a. The location and construction of the bridge was also recorded by reports on the Rustavi steel plant.

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the eastern bridge allegedly a railroad bridge and the other a road bridge. According to this report and other information, there is but one bridge with two roadways.

c. Some sources mentioned the laying of streetcar tracks on the bridge but these were presumably mistaken for T-girders. The observation of T-girders may have led to the conclusion that

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the bridge under construction was a railroad bridge. His statements are doubted. [REDACTED] out that one roadway of the bridge was completed by August 1949 which makes the previous information that the two bridges were opened for traffic in March 1947 even more questionable.

1 Annex: 2 Blueprints: Road Bridge over the Kura River near Rustavi.

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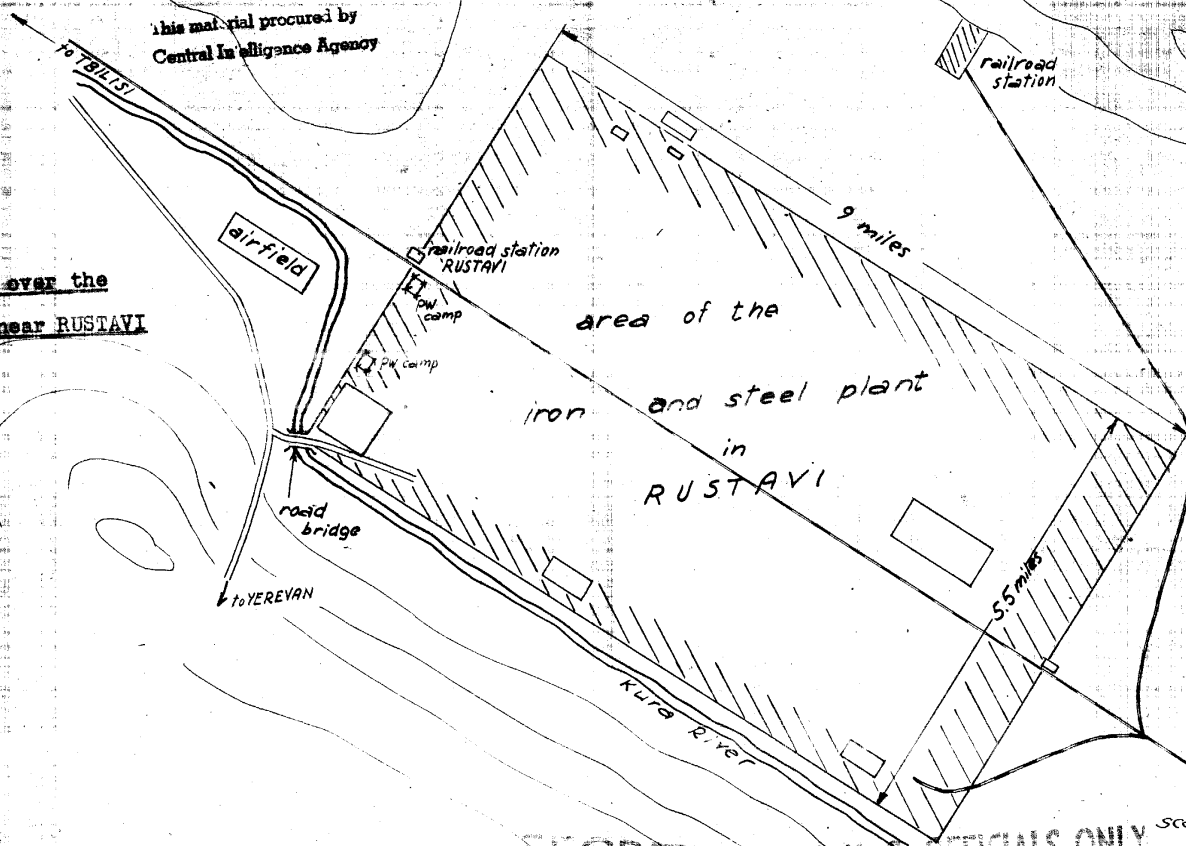
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